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Thunder Basin National Grassland



Checklist of Birds

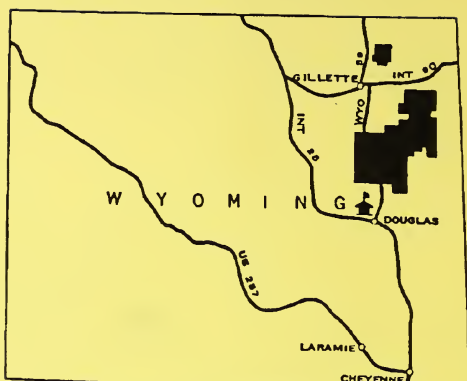
The Thunder Basin National Grassland, located in east-central Wyoming, hosts a great diversity of birds in all seasons. Many habitats can be found here including ponderosa pine woodland in the Rochelle Hills; scoria outcrops, sagebrush-steppe, grassland and numerous small wetlands and riparian areas. Irrigated and non-irrigated agriculture, prairie dog towns and reclaimed coal mines add to the habitat diversity of the Thunder Basin National Grassland. Over 200 species of birds can be seen - some are yearlong residents, others stay only for breeding or briefly appear during spring or fall migrations. Provision of habitat for all forms of wildlife is an important component of National Grassland ecosystem management to preserve the heritage of biodiversity found on the Great Plains. Additions to this list are welcome. This list was prepared by the Douglas Ranger District Ecologist, Judy von Ahlefeldt; Wildlife Biologist, Tim Byer and Patrick McLaughlin.

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Vicinity Map



Common names from the Wyoming Bird Checklist (Wyoming Game and Fish Department). Other sources: Management Opportunities for Creating Wildlife Habitat through Surface Mines, Thunder Basin National Grassland by W.H. Blunt (1980) and the 1992 List of Migrants, Partners in Flight Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 1.

Key to abbreviations:

S - Summer resident	B - Breeds in area
W - Winter resident	A - Accidental
Y - Yearlong resident	U - Uncommon or rare
M - Spring-Fall Migrant	C - Common or abundant
N - Neotropical migrant	

LOONS

- ☐ Common Loon Y,U
- ☐ Pacific Loon. M,U

GREBES

- ☐ Pied-billed Grebe S,C,B
- ☐ Horned Grebe M,U,B
- ☐ Eared Grebe S,C,B
- ☐ Western Grebe S,C,B



Killdeer

PELICANS AND CORMORANTS

- ☐ American White Pelican S,C
- ☐ Double-crested Cormorant S,C

HERONS, BITTERNS, AND IBISES

- ☐ Great Blue Heron S,C,B
- ☐ Green-backed Heron M,U
- ☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron S,U,B
- ☐ American Bittern S,U,B
- ☐ White-faced Ibis S,U

GEESE AND DUCKS

- ☐ Canada Goose Y,C,B
- ☐ Snow Goose M,U,B
- ☐ Greater White-fronted Goose. . . M,U
- ☐ Green-winged Teal Y,C,B
- ☐ Blue-winged Teal S,C
- ☐ Cinnamon Teal S,C,B
- ☐ Hooded Merganser Y,U,B
- ☐ Common Merganser Y,C,B
- ☐ Red-breasted Merganser S,U
- ☐ Northern Shoveler S,C,B
- ☐ Gadwall Y,C
- ☐ Canvasback S,U,B
- ☐ Ring-necked Duck S,C,B
- ☐ Ruddy Duck S,C,B
- ☐ Lesser Scaup S,U,B
- ☐ Greater Scaup M,U
- ☐ Common Goldeneye Y,C,B
- ☐ Mallard Y,C,B
- ☐ Northern Pintail Y,C,B
- ☐ Bufflehead Y,U,B

VULTURES, HAWKS, AND FALCONS

- ☐ Turkey Vulture S,C,B
- ☐ Osprey S,A,U
- ☐ Bald Eagle Y,U,B
- ☐ Golden Eagle Y,C,B
- ☐ Northern Harrier S,C,B
- ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk S,C,B
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk S,C,B
- ☐ Swainson's Hawk N,S,C,B
- ☐ Red-tailed Hawk Y,C,B
- ☐ Ferruginous Hawk Y,C,B
- ☐ Rough-legged Hawk W,C,B
- ☐ Northern Goshawk Y,C,B
- ☐ American Kestrel S,C,B
- ☐ Merlin N,Y,U
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon N,Y,U
- ☐ Gyrfalcon W,U
- ☐ Prairie Falcon Y,C,B

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

- ☐ Gray Partridge Y,U
- ☐ Chukar Y,U
- ☐ Sage Grouse Y,C,B
- ☐ Sharp-tailed Grouse Y,C,B
- ☐ Wild Turkey Y,C,B

CRANES, RAILS, AND COOTS

- ☐ Virginia Rail S,A,U,B
- ☐ Sora S,C,B
- ☐ American Coot S,C,B
- ☐ Sandhill Crane S,C,B

Rough-legged Hawk



SHOREBIRDS AND GULLS

- ☐ Black-bellied Plover M,U
- ☐ Semipalmated Plover M,U,B
- ☐ Mountain Plover N,S,C,B
- ☐ Killdeer S,C,B
- ☐ American Avocet S,C,B
- ☐ Greater Yellowlegs M,C,B
- ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs M,C,B
- ☐ Solitary Sandpiper M,C,B
- ☐ Spotted Sandpiper S,C,B
- ☐ Upland Sandpiper N,S,U,B
- ☐ Western Sandpiper M,U,B
- ☐ Least Sandpiper M,C,B
- ☐ Baird's Sandpiper M,C,B
- ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper M,U,B
- ☐ Stilt Sandpiper M,U,B
- ☐ Willet S,C,B
- ☐ Long-billed Curlew N,S,U,B
- ☐ Hudsonian Godwit M,U,B
- ☐ Marbled Godwit M,U,B
- ☐ Short-billed Dowitcher A,U
- ☐ Long-billed Dowitcher M,C,B
- ☐ Common Snipe S,C,B
- ☐ Wilson's Phalarope S,C,B
- ☐ Red-necked Phalarope M,U
- ☐ Franklin's Gull S,C
- ☐ Bonaparte's Gull M,U
- ☐ California Gull S,C,B
- ☐ Herring Gull M,U
- ☐ Ring-billed Gull M,U
- ☐ Forster's Tern S,C,B
- ☐ Black Tern S,C,B
- ☐ Common Tern M,U

COOKOOS

- ☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo M,U

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- ☐ Rock Dove Y,C
- ☐ Mourning Dove S,C,B

OWLS

- ☐ Barn Owl S,U
- ☐ Western Screech-Owl Y,C,B
- ☐ Great Horned Owl Y,C,B
- ☐ Snowy Owl W,U
- ☐ Burrowing Owl N,S,U,B
- ☐ Long-eared Owl Y,C,B
- ☐ Short-eared Owl Y,C,B
- ☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl Y,U,B

GOATSUCKERS

- ☐ Common Nighthawk N,S,C,B
- ☐ Common Poorwill N,S,U,B

SWIFTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS

- ☐ White-throated Swift N,S,C,B
- ☐ Broad-tailed Hummingbird . . . N,S,C,B

KINGFISHERS

- ☐ Belted Kingfisher Y,C,B

WOODPECKERS

- ☐ Red-headed Woodpecker S,U,B
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker Y,C,B
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker Y,U,B
- ☐ Lewis' Woodpecker M,U
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker S,U,B
- ☐ Northern Flicker Y,C,B

FLYCATCHERS

- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher N,S,C,B
- ☐ Willow Flycatcher N,S,C
- ☐ Least Flycatcher N,S,C
- ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher N,S,U
- ☐ Dusky Flycatcher N,S,C,B
- ☐ Cordilleran Flycatcher N,S,C,B
- ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher N,S,U,B
- ☐ Western Wood-Pewee N,S,C,B
- ☐ Say's Phoebe S,C,B
- ☐ Cassin's Kingbird N,S,U
- ☐ Western Kingbird N,S,C,B
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird N,S,C,B



Red-breasted Merganser



Horned Lark

LARKS AND SWALLOWS

- ☐ Horned Lark Y,C,B
- ☐ Tree Swallow S,C,B
- ☐ Violet-green Swallow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Bank Swallow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Cliff Swallow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Barn Swallow N,S,C,B

JAYS, MAGPIES, RAVENS AND CROWS

- ☐ Steller's Jay Y,C
- ☐ Blue Jay Y,C,B
- ☐ Pinyon Jay Y,U
- ☐ Clark's Nutcracker Y,C
- ☐ Black-billed Magpie Y,C,B
- ☐ American Crow Y,C,B
- ☐ Common Raven Y,C,B

CHICKADEES AND NUTHATCHES

- ☐ Black-capped Chickadee Y,C,B
- ☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch Y,C,B
- ☐ White-breasted Nuthatch . . . Y,C,B
- ☐ Pygmy Nuthatch Y,U

WRENS AND BLUEBIRDS

- ☐ Rock Wren S,C,B
- ☐ Bewick's Wren S,U
- ☐ House Wren N,S,C,B
- ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet S,C
- ☐ Eastern Bluebird S,U,B
- ☐ Western Bluebird S,U,B
- ☐ Mountain Bluebird S,C,B

SOLITAIRES AND THRUSHES

- ☐ Townsend's Solitaire Y,C,B
- ☐ Veery N,S,U,B
- ☐ Swainson's Thrush N,S,C,B
- ☐ Hermit Thrush S,C
- ☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush M,U
- ☐ American Robin Y,C,B

CATBIRDS, MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

- ☐ Gray Catbird N,S,C,B
- ☐ Northern Mockingbird S,U
- ☐ Sage Thrasher S,C,B
- ☐ Brown Thrasher S,C,B

PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES AND STARLINGS

- ☐ American Pipit S,C
- ☐ Sprague's Pipit M,U,B
- ☐ Bohemian Waxwing W,C
- ☐ Cedar Waxwing Y,U,B
- ☐ Northern Shrike W,C,B
- ☐ Loggerhead Shrike S,C,B
- ☐ European Starling Y,C,B

VIREOS AND WOOD WARBLERS

- ☐ Solitary Vireo N,S,U,B
- ☐ Warbling Vireo N,S,C,B
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo N,S,U,B
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler N,S,U,B
- ☐ Yellow Warbler N,S,C,B
- ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler S,C
- ☐ Townsend's Warbler N,S,U
- ☐ Blackpoll Warbler N,M,U,B
- ☐ Black-and-White Warbler N,M,U
- ☐ MacGillivray's Warbler N,S,C,B
- ☐ Wilson's Warbler N,S,C,B
- ☐ American Redstart N,S,U,B
- ☐ Ovenbird N,S,C,B
- ☐ Northern Waterthrush N,M,U,B
- ☐ Common Yellowthroat N,S,C,B
- ☐ Yellow-breasted Chat N,S,C,B

TANAGERS

- ☐ Western Tanager N,S,C,B



Burrowing Owl

HOUSE SPARROWS, MEADOWLARKS BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

- ☐ House Sparrow Y,C,B
- ☐ Snow Bunting W,U
- ☐ Bobolink N,S,U,B
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird S,C,B
- ☐ Western Meadowlark S,C,B
- ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird . . . N,S,C,B
- ☐ Brewer's Blackbird S,C,B
- ☐ Common Grackle S,C,B
- ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird S,C,B
- ☐ Orchard Oriole N,S,U,B
- ☐ Northern Oriole N,S,C,B

GROSBEAKS, FINCHES, SPARROWS AND BUNTINGS

- ☐ Rosy Finch Y,C
- ☐ Purple Finch W,U,B
- ☐ House Finch Y,C,B
- ☐ Red Crossbill Y,C,B
- ☐ Common Redpoll W,U,B
- ☐ Pine Siskin Y,C,B
- ☐ Lesser Goldfinch M,U
- ☐ American Goldfinch Y,C,B
- ☐ Evening Grosbeak Y,C,B
- ☐ Black-headed Grosbeak N,S,C,B
- ☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak S,U,B
- ☐ Lazuli Bunting N,S,C,B
- ☐ Rufous-sided Towhee S,C,B
- ☐ American Tree Sparrow W,U,B
- ☐ Chipping Sparrow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Clay-colored Sparrow N,S,U,B
- ☐ Brewer's Sparrow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Vesper Sparrow S,C,B
- ☐ Lark Sparrow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Sage Sparrow S,C,B
- ☐ Savannah Sparrow S,C,B
- ☐ Baird's Sparrow N,S,U,B
- ☐ Grasshopper Sparrow N,S,C,B
- ☐ Song Sparrow S,C,B
- ☐ Lincoln's Sparrow N,S,C,B
- ☐ White-throated Sparrow M,U
- ☐ White-crowned Sparrow S,C
- ☐ Harris' Sparrow W,U,B
- ☐ Lark Bunting N,S,C,B
- ☐ Dark-eyed Junco Y,C,B
- ☐ McCown's Longspur S,C,B
- ☐ Lapland Longspur W,C
- ☐ Chestnut-collared Longspur . . . S,U,B

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